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SUBJ: VICE PREIDENT MONDALE'S MEETING WITH PM VORSTER

REF: A. STATE 099551, B. ADDIS ABABA 2811

1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL, ACTING CHARGE BRIEFED HIGHEST AVAILABLE EPMG OFFICIAL, ACTING MOFA AFRICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR KASSATE BERHAN BADIMA, MAY 9, DRAWING FROM PARAS 8-12, REFTEL A. (FONMIN AND OTHER TOP MOFA OFFICIALS PRESENTLY ON TRIP TO MOSCOW.) CHARGE'S PRESENTATION TO OAU SEC GEN ETEKI MAY 4 REPORTED REFTEL B.

2. KASSATE INDICATED HE WOULD PASS SUBSTANCE TO MOFA PERMSEC DAWIT. HE ASKED WHETHER PRESENT U.S. APPROACH WAS RELATED TO FIVE-POWER DEMARCHE TO SOUTH AFRICAN GOVT AND IF NEW USG POSITION REPRESENTED CHANGE IN U.S. VIEW ON UN RESOLUTION REGARDING SANCTIONS TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA. ACTING CHARGE INDICATED HE WOULD ATTEMPT OBTAIN CLARIFICATION ON BOTH POINTS.

3. KASSATE ALSO RAISED QUESTION PRESENT U.S. POSITION VIS-A-VIS NAMIBIA, NOTING EPMG STRONGLY BACKED UN SUPERVISED ELECTIONS IN WHICH SWAPO WOULD PARTICIPATE AND TOTALLY REJECTED SOUTH AFRICAN

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ATTEMPTS AS EXEMPLIFIED BY TURNHALLE CONFERENCE. ACTING CHARGE NOTED U.S. POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR SWAPO PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL PROCESS IN NAMIBIA AS WELL AS FOR UN RESOLUTION 385.

4. ON RHODESIA, KASSATE QUESTIONED EXTENT OF CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY. HE NOTED BRITISH HAD MADE

PRESENTATION ON RHODESIA TO EPMG PRIOR TO OAU
LOME MEETING TO EFFECT THAT SERIOUS EFFORTS BEING
MADE ON RHODESIA, BUT THAT HE HAD YET TO SEE ANY
CONCRETE RESULTS. HE NOTED THAT NEITHER U.S. NOR
BRITISH GOVTS HAD EVER TAKEN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
SERIOUSLY, AND INDICATED THAT MORE POSITIVE
ACTION ON PART OF USG REQUIRED. HE EXPRESSED VIEW
HMG SHOULD REINSTATE ITSELF IN RHODESIA WITH BACKING
OF USG IN ORDER ASSURE PROMPT TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S GUIDANCE TO
QUESTIONS RAISED BY KASSATE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE IN
ORDER TO BE FORTHCOMING WITH EPMG WHEN WE BRIEF ON
OUTCOME MONDALE-VORSTER TALKS.
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